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SUBJ: SPECIAL AMB LOZANO COMMENTS TO PRESS ON CUBAN-COLOMBIAN
RELATIONS

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1. BOGOTA DAILY EL ESPECTADOR CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH FABIO LOZANO
SIMONELLI JULY 25, SHORTLY AFTER LOZANO HAD BRIEFED FORNMIN VAZ-
QUEZ ON HIS TRIP TO CUBA DURING WHICH ANTI PIRACY ACCORD WAS
SIGNED.

2. ACCORDING TO EL ESPECTADOR, LOZANO SAID "WE ARE EVIDENTLY
MOVING TOWARD RENEWAL OF DIP RELATIONS WITH CUBA." LOZANO AND
GUSTAVO GARCIA MORENO, WHO ACCOMPANIED LOZANO TO CUBA, MET WITH
CUBAN CHANCELLOR RAUL ROA, BUT NOT WITH PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO,
WHO WAS REPORTEDLY NOT IN HAVANA DURING THE NEARLY FOUR DAYS
OF THEIR STAY.

3. LOZANO SAID "ALTHOUGH ONE CANNOT GET A PERFECT PICTURE OF THE
SITUATION IN CUBA IN ONLY THREE DAYS, IT WAS EASY TO SEE THAT THERE
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HVE BEEN PRACTICAL AND VALUABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS AREAS."

"THERE HAS BEEN SOCIAL PROGRESS", HE SAID, "ALTHOUGH IT IS NATURAL THAT EACH COUNTRY HAS ITS OWN SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE THIS PROGRESS."
LOZANO NOTED THAT TENSIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE INCLUDING THE US HAVE DIMINISHED, CITING AS AN EXAMPLE THE RECENT VISIT OF "A NORTHAMERICAN FUNCTIONARY TO THE ISLAND" (APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE VISIT TO CUBA OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATION COMMITTEE REP PATRICK HOLT). MCANINCH

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